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RESOLUTION NO. 08-97

## RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING ALLOTMENT GRAZING PERMIT DECISIONS

WHEREAS, the Apache Sitgreaves National Forests, Alpine and Springerville Ranger Districts, developed an allotment broad scale capacity document to guide their review of grazing capacity available on certain grazing allotments; and

WHEREAS, as indicated in a review of the science literature prepared by the Apache County wildlife and range specialist, the Forest's broad scale capacity document contains a number of misinterpretations or misapplications of scientific practice and/or theory; and

WHEREAS, decisions based on computations of grazing capacity made using the broad scale capacity document have been appealed, and those appeals have not yet been reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Navajo County strongly urges the Apache-Sitgreaves Forest Supervisor to consider the information contained in the review of the Broad Scale Capacity Document; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Navajo County Board of Supervisors' strongly urges the Forest Supervisor to withdraw his decisions on the 1995 grazing permit issuances and re-initiate the process using validated scientific methods; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Navajo County Board of Supervisors' strongly urges the Forest Supervisor to provide new guidance in the development of methodology to be used during the NEPA analysis of the 1997 Allotment Management Plans.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Navajo County the 3rd day of February, 1997.

ATTEST:

Navajo County Board of Supervisors